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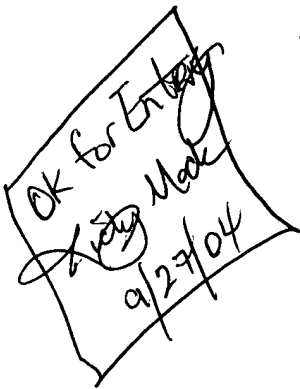
For : STRUCTURE OF A ZOOM LENS BARREL

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)**

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Sir :

Pursuant to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance on July 1, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the present application.



**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.